

PEOPLE - CUNEO

A Remembrance...

Edmund Cuneo 1939 - 1996

How do you say goodbye to a friend?

Have you ever stood at an airport watching a friend's plane lifting on takeoff and suddenly remembered that there was something else you forgot to tell him?

That was the feeling that overcame me last Friday afternoon as I stood motionless - realizing a friend had taken off. Thoughts of "Dear Lord. Tell him we loved him," raced through my head. But he was gone. Had I ever really told him what respect I had for him?

What a sensitive, dedicated, judicially objective man you were. You were a leader in the true sense of the word. Your interest was undaunting, when it came to helping the new recruits. You personally felt responsible for the training and indoctrination of each and every one of them. Your tenacity in rising above your affliction - determined not to be a burden on those around



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truly demonstrated your strength of character. What a Christian. You truly believed in the Legion Creed, "For God and Country". Your family was always first in your consideration of priorities. Your friendships were sincere and everlasting. Your personality reflected your understanding of those around you. Your laughter was contagious. Your memory will be eternal.

Eddie. Wait. I have so much more to say. But he was gone.

I felt helpless. Frustration had taken hold. How can one cope with the unseen, the untimely, the unknown?

And then, as if the morning mist had risen with the east wind, I found myself recalling these words, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help? My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth".... "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, for evermore."

As my mind and emotions gradually returned to reality, I asked the Lord forgiveness, that I might find the strength and understanding to convey my thoughts, in the future, on the way to the airport and not after the departure.

Goodbye friend and may God bless you and yours forever.

*Remarks by Jerry Dewing at Holy Family Church
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Lt. Edmund Cuneo, a 31-year Duxbury police veteran officer, was honored by hundreds as he was laid to rest at Mayflower Cemetery. Here, the funeral procession advances down Tremont St. At 56, the beloved officer succumbed to ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease.



A salute from the fire department.



Duxbury Police Officers salute the body of Lt. Edmund Cuneo at funeral services held last Wednesday at Holy Family Church.